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12 JAN 1959

Mr. F. M. Kercheville
American Legion, Department of
  New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Kercheville:

Thank you and the members of the American Legion
Department of New Mexico for the citation for meritorious
service presented to me as Director of Central Intelligence.
Your telegram of December 23 and the arrival of the certi-
ficate on Christmas Eve helped make my Christmas a pleasant
one indeed.

You inquired whether the New Mexico Department should
ask any Legion official in Washington to make an official
presentation to me of the certificate in the name of the
Department of New Mexico. I want you to know that I appreci-
ate having received the certificate from you, Commander
McAtee and Adjutant Fails, and nothing would be added to
this distinction by having someone outside of the Department
of New Mexico make a presentation to me.

Best wishes for a happy New Year to you and the member-
ship of the American Legion, Department of New Mexico.

                              Sincerely,

                              SIGNED

                              Allen W. Dulles
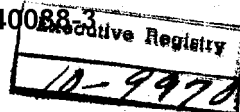   Director

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ALLEN DULLES DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

PERSONAL FOR MR DULLES PLEASE. REFER MY RECENT LETTER
CITATION MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO YOU AND THE AGENCY FOR
YOUR UNHERALDED GREAT WORK BEING MAILED DIRECT TO YOU
IN HOPE CERTIFICATE ARRIVES BY CHRISTMAS. PLEASE CONTACT
ME AFTER JAN 5TH AND LET ME KNOW IF OUR LEGION DEPT
HERE SHOULD CONTACT ANY OTHER OFFICIAL OR OFFICE OR DEPT
LEGION THERE TO MAKE OFFICIAL PRESENTATION IN OUR NAME.
MERRY CHRISTMAS. MAY THE ETERNAL BLESS YOU AND YOUR
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